



# Threats to our Region

## Threat 2 -- Traffic Flow Congestion

- Each freight train will be between 5,000 and 10,000 feet long (the length of over 33 football fields). A train of 6,000 feet could block all 4 downtown Barrington street crossings at once.
- One freight train can take an average of 4 minutes to pass a crossing – that is akin to having to sit and wait for 7 traffic light changes before your car can proceed. This doesn't include the amount of time for traffic congestion to clear, so we envision that major traffic backups for miles will become the norm.
- Since the Village of Barrington serves as the connectivity hub for the region, this huge increase in freight traffic is the recipe for a gridlock scenario of nightmarish proportions – *it threatens to bring the livability and commercial viability of our region to a screeching halt.*